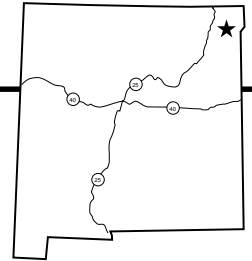
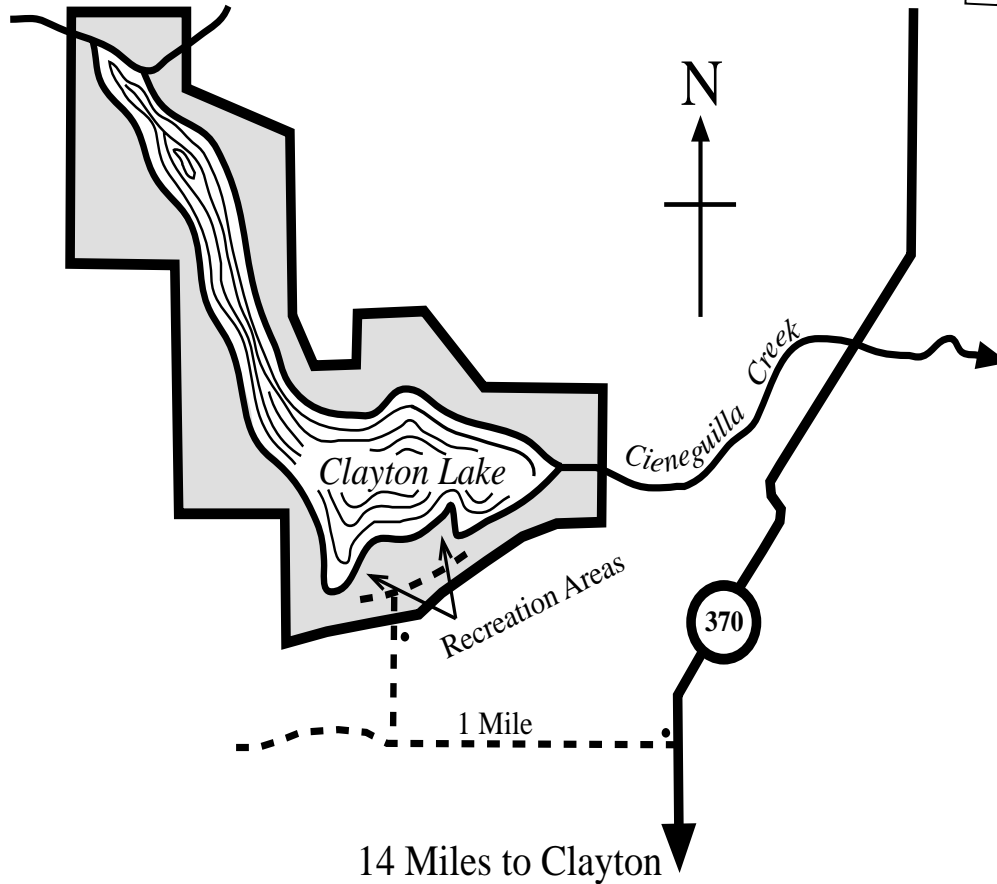




State Wildlife Areas



Clayton Lake Fishing and Waterfowl Area



Angling for trout in mountain lakes is fun—but not surprising. Here on the high plains, barely in sight of the Sangre de Cristos, it’s both. The Department of Game and Fish provides both the lake and the trout, plus many walleye.

This lake, as revealed by the name, serves a dual purpose: It provides fishing—in an area where such opportunity is scarce—and is a resting area for waterfowl. It’s maximum size is 175 acres, and in addition to trout, fishermen angle for largemouth bass, some very large walleye, plus bullheads and sunfish.

Its surroundings are typical of this ranching country — a rocky, grassed series of rolling hills, with scatterings of junipers and browse plants. The creek bottom contains cottonwood and hackberry, and the general area reveals numerous lava breaks reminiscent of a more fiery era in the earth’s past.

Recreational facilities are provided on the lake’s south side by the State Park and Recreation Division. Fishing is open March 1 through Oct. 31.

Hunting

Waterfowl

Fishing

Trout, Walleye, Bass

Boat Ramp

Yes

Camp Sites

35

Picnic Tables

Yes

Toilets

Yes